

REMARKS

In accordance with the comments made by Examiner Johnson in the facsimile of July 30, 2003, claims 48 and 49 have been amended to provide proper structural language for the claims. Similarly, claims 61 and 62 have been amended to provide proper structural language. The Examiner indicated that claim 94 is an essential duplicate of claim 82. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled claim 94 and have amended claims 95-97 to make them dependent indirectly or directly on claim 82 and to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

It is apparent that no new matter has been added to the application as amended and that full support exists for all of the amendments to the claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of the application are in condition for allowance and early passage to issue is therefore deemed proper and is respectfully requested.

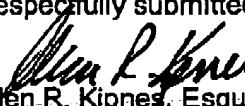
It is noted from the facsimile of July 30, 2003 of the potential obviousness double patenting rejection based on U.S. Serial Nos. 10/007,702 and 10/098,592. As discussed with Examiner Johnson in the telephone conference of July 31, 2003, the above-mentioned pending applications will be addressed once the present application has been allowed.

The courtesies extended by Examiner Johnson and Supervisor Gibson at the interview on July 30, 2003 are greatly appreciated.

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It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this supplemental amendment. However, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

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